

*A* 37. The method according to claim 32, wherein the heating medium is steam.--

**REMARKS**

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency in the original claims has been eliminated. In addition, new claims 27-37 have been added so that the scope of the claims is believed to be identical to the original multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, it is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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